

## September 25, 2014

### Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) Meeting MINUTES - Thursday, September 25, 2014

USDA Service Center  
170 Russell Avenue, Suite C  
Susanville CA 96130  
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

#### 1. Meeting Opening:

Dyer Engineering Consultants, Inc. (DEC) called the meeting to order at 4:05pm.

#### 2. Meeting Members:

Mary Randall	Dan Newton	Bryon Hadwick
John Bentley	Eric Peitz	Shane Dyer
Scott Phillips	Joe Egan	Ian Sims

#### 3. Climate Change Analysis:

The Climate Change Analysis is still under revisions presented by members of the RWMG. DEC presented a newly drafted Climate Change Analysis with revisions prepared per Jared Hancock (COS) and Joe Egan (LIC) comments.

#### 4. “Call for Projects”:

DEC opened a discussion regarding the RWMG’s intent of initiating a call for projects at the end of 2014. DEC advised with consultation from Mary Randall (DWR) that it would benefit the group to wait for the PSP from Round 3 to be released before making the push to garner more projects. The logic behind this derives from the guidance in which the PSP will provide the RWMG on which direction DWR wants to head in for implementation projects for the last funding round of Prop. 84. It has been hinted that the PSP will most likely mirror the drought solicitation that took place during the summer of 2014.

#### 5. Governance Review:

DEC presented an IRWMP Governance review to the RWMG. A few RWMG members requested greater clarification of the roles and responsibilities of the various groups and members that oversee the planning of the Lahontan Basins IRWMP. DEC reviewed the Governance section of the IRWMP to the RWMG. DEC simplified the Governance section to reflect the service population of the Lahontan Basins region. Most of the members of the RWMG will also serve on the TAC. In light of the rural nature of the region, the governance was slimmed down eliminating special work groups that the Lahontan Basins region currently does not have adequate staffing to facilitate.

## 6. IRWMP Outlook:

### IRWMP Section Release, Proposed Timeline:

DEC developed an IRWMP proposed timeline detailing when all the sections from the IRWMP will be released for public comment. This timeline also reflects future IRWMP meetings as they correlate with section release dates and comment due dates. The RWMG was in agreement with the proposed timeline.

### Surprise Valley IRWM Map:

Bryon Hadwick representing the Surprise Valley RCD attended the meeting via teleconference. DEC and the RWMG discussed how the Surprise Valley region will be incorporated within Lahontan Basins IRWMP as a formality for now as a result of no funding that has been allocated for planning in the Surprise Valley region. Mr. Hadwick presented his thoughts of incorporating the Surprise Valley region into the Lahontan Basins IRWMP and agreed with the RWMG.

### Letter of Support for NRCS RCPP application:

Eric Peitz of the NRCS mentioned the RCPP grant program which will replace the AWEP program as detailed in the new farm bill. Eric was requesting a letter of support from the RWMG. The RWMG agreed that they would support the NRCS grant application for the RCPP program.

### Next Meeting:

Items to be discussed at the next RWMG meeting:

- Sections 1-5 to be released at October's meeting, comment period will be open for 30 days or until the next RWMG meeting
- Introduce a Project Scoring Matrix to be used to rank projects that will be applied for during the implementation grant process (Summer 2015)
- Discuss DWR's letter that confirms Lahontan Inter-Regional IRWM agreement allocating the remainder of Prop. 84 funds
- Discuss Climate Change Assessment and Governance Section

## MEETING HANDOUTS:

- RWMG Agenda
- Climate Change Analysis
- Lahontan Basins IRWMP Governance Section
- IRWMP Proposed Section Release Timeline
- Surprise Valley IRWM Map
- Salt and Nutrient Management Plan – Extension Letter
- IRWM Grant Solicitation Schedule (DWR)
- Statewide Flood Management Planning Program – Letter

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